

Amendments to the Specification

Change page 8, lines 10-20, as follows:

A space is formed inside and enclosed by the structural member 11, the structural member 12, and the reinforcing member 1, and the first leaf 31 and the second leaf 32 of the reinforcing member 1 are formed in a curve to protrude toward the inside of this space (direction towards the intersecting or contacting region of structural member 11 and structural member 12), and the third leaf 33 is formed in a curve to protrude toward the outside of this space (direction opposite to the direction facing the intersecting or contacting region of structural member 11 and structural member 12). Because of this construction, a space is formed between the third leaf 33 and the leaf spring 5 (e.g. first spring member and second spring member).

Change page 24, lines 9-15, as follows:

The synthetic resin foam 2b will receive a compressive force from the leaf spring 5 and will elastically deform, the compressive force will be absorbed by this elastic deformation, and the vibrational energy will be damped. Furthermore, the force in the direction ~~which curve~~ bending the leaf spring 5 to the outside will be absorbed by the elongation of the damper member 4. Namely, the damper member 4 resists the expansion of the space between the first spring member and the second spring member, the synthetic resin foam 2b above-mentioned resists the compressive force from the second spring and resists the force in the direction which makes the contact angle of the structural members 11, 12 smaller

than 90°. Thus, ~~so~~ the vibrational energy will be damped by the action of this damper member 4.

Change page 25, lines 14-20, as follows:

The interval between the third leaf 33 and the leaf spring 5 will absorb the force in the narrowing direction by the compression of the damping material 4, and thereby the vibrational energy will be damped. Furthermore, the interval between the third leaf 33 and the leaf spring 5 will similarly absorb the forces in the direction of narrowing by the elastic deformation of the synthetic resin foam 2a. Namely, the damper 4 and the synthetic resin foam 2a resist the narrowing of the space between the first spring member and the second spring member. Thus, ~~and thereby~~ the vibrational energy will be damped.